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1. Methods of assuming greater control over the private oil companies operating in their respective countries will probably be discussed in an unofficial manner by the delegates attending the First South American Petroleum Congress, scheduled to meet in Montevideo, 12-16 March 1951. The congress is purely overt and is being held under the auspices of the South American Petroleum Institute (ISAP).
2. Carlos R. Vegh Garzon, president of ISAP's conference committee, is the moving spirit behind ISAP and director of the forthcoming congress. He is a Uruguayan engineer, consultant of a prominent oil company, and an ardent supporter of national ownership.

3. Other members of the conference committee are:

German E. Villar, Secretary (engineer)\*

Col. Tydeo Larre Borgos, Treasurer

Salvador Masson, Committee Member (engineer)

Ernesto Pelufo, Committee Member (engineer)

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4. Although the conference committee has said that the conference will be limited to the discussion of technical and marketing problems, and the promotion of friendly relations within the industry, the Argentine representatives (not yet identified) are reportedly insisting that political subjects be made part of the program.

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